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OR METAL HYDRIDE POWDERS OF THE ELEMENTS Ti,  
Zr, HF, V, N, TA AND CR  
Art Unit : 1793  
Examiner : Weiping Zhu

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AMENDMENT WITH RCE

Sir:

Responsive to the final office action mailed February 23, 2010, amend the above-identified application as follows: